

REMARKS

This Application was unintentionally abandoned without any deceptive intent. The Applicants respectfully petitions for the revival of this Application. A petition in pursuant of 37 CFR 1.137(b) and the applicable petition fee for this petition are attached. The Office Action dated May 01, 2006 was never received by Applicant's current Attorneys after the Applicants changed their legal representations for patent prosecutions. This non-receipt of the Office Action by the Attorneys directly resulted in the unintentional delay of this Response to the Office Action dated May 01, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application under a request for continued examination (RCE). The appropriate fee for an RCE is also attached.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-11 and 15-17. Applicants have amended Claim 12 to clarify the limitations already present in the claims, thus the amendments are non-narrowing and do not add new matter.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112


Claim 12 has been amended to read "...each entry comprising a first section for storing a path overhead byte selected from a plurality of path overhead bytes for a synchronous payload envelope, a second section for storing a signal number (S#) and a third section for storing a path overhead number (P#) that correlates to which path overhead byte of said synchronous payload envelope is stored." Applicants submit that the amended claim is proper in form and particularly points out a subject matter that is distinctly claimed.

Conclusion

If the allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300. If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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